

Claims

- [c1] A vehicular mirror assembly for providing an occupant of a vehicle with a rearward view, the mirror assembly comprising:
- a reflective element having a first connecting element;
 - a frame for supporting the reflective element having a second connecting element, the first and second connecting elements being adapted to be interconnected to one another to mount the reflective element to the frame;
 - at least one of the first connecting element and the second connecting element being movably mounted to a respective one of the reflective element and the frame so that one of the frame and the reflective element can be employed with differently-sized corresponding ones of other reflective elements and frames.
- [c2] A vehicular mirror assembly according to claim 1, wherein the at least one first connecting element comprises one of a ball and socket.
- [c3] A vehicular mirror assembly according to claim 2, wherein the at least one second connecting element comprises the other of a ball and socket.
- [c4] A vehicular mirror assembly according to claim 1, wherein the frame further comprises a slot, the at least one second connecting element further comprises a plate, and the plate is slidably received in the slot.
- [c5] A vehicular mirror assembly according to claim 1, and further comprising an actuator assembly having at least one moveable jackscrew for adjusting the tilt of the reflective element, wherein the at least one first connecting element is attached to the actuator assembly.
- [c6] A vehicular mirror assembly according to claim 5, wherein the at least one first connecting element comprises two connecting elements.
- [c7] A vehicular mirror assembly according to claim 6, wherein the connecting elements comprise the jackscrews.
- [c8] A vehicular mirror assembly having a reflective element for providing an occupant of a

vehicle with a rearward view and an actuator assembly having at least one moveable jackscrew for adjusting the tilt of the reflective element, the mirror assembly comprising:

- a frame supporting the actuator assembly;
- one of a ball and socket attached to the reflective element;
- the other of a ball and socket attached to the frame to form a pivotable connection with the one of a ball and socket for connecting the reflective element to the frame; and
- the at least one jackscrew is attached to the reflective element for connecting the reflective element to the actuator assembly;

wherein a first reflective element can be attached to the frame by selectively moving the one of the ball and socket along the frame to a first position in order to engage the other of the ball and socket; and

wherein a second reflective element can be attached to the frame by selectively moving the one of the ball and socket along the frame to a second position in order to engage the other of the ball and socket, thereby enabling the frame to be alternatively attached to reflective elements having the other of the ball and socket in alternatively different locations.

- [c9] A vehicular mirror assembly according to claim 8, wherein the frame further comprises a slot, the one of the ball and socket further comprises a plate, and the plate is slidably received in the slot.
- [c10] A vehicular mirror assembly according to claim 8, wherein the reflective element further comprises a slot, and the at least one moveable jackscrew is slidably received in the slot.
- [c11] A vehicular mirror assembly comprising:
- a mirror housing having a pivot;
 - a reflective element pivotably mounted within the housing on the pivot;
- wherein the pivot is repositionable with respect to the housing so that reflective elements of varying sizes can be mounted within the housing.
- [c12] A vehicular mirror assembly according to claim 11 wherein one of the housing and the pivot has a detent, and the other of the housing and the pivot has a slot, and the pivot is repositionable with respect to the housing by movement of the detent within the slot.

- [c13] A vehicular mirror assembly according to claim 11 wherein the pivot is slidably mounted to the mirror housing.
- [c14] A vehicular mirror assembly according to claim 13 and further comprising at least one detent located between the pivot and the mirror housing wherein the pivot is retained in a particular mounted position with respect to the mirror housing by the detent.